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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-17 and 19-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8 and 16 are amended herein.

Claims 1, 8 and 16 remain independent.

The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC §101 and claims 1-22 under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Randle, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,647 B1) are addressed in the Remarks filed with the previously filed Amendment referenced above.

Claims 1, 8 and 16 are amended herein solely for clarification and in the case of claim 1 to correct an obvious editorial error, and not for purposes of patentability. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Amendment be entered.

CONCLUSION

The applicants believe they have responded to each matter raised by the Examiner. Allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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